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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on July 22, 2009, October 30, 2007 and February 17, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action (Notice of Reason for Rejection) dated June 2, 2009 with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No.2003-168575, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) JP 2001-185103 A;
- (2) JP 2001-068081 A;
- (3) JP 2001-256949 A;
- (4) JP 2001-155789 A;
- (5) JP 2000-323109 A;

- (6) JP 2000-301954 A;
- (7) JP 2000-090976 A;
- (8) JP 2000-067833 A;
- (9) JP 10-021891 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof, and patent family member US 5879833;
- (10) JP 2001-283937 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof, and patent family member US 6953638 B2;
- (11) JP 2001-268717 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof; and
- (12) JP 2000-048867 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof.

The relevance of the document, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants note that the noted documents (1) - (9) were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on February 17, 2006. Thus, copies of these documents are not provided herewith.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

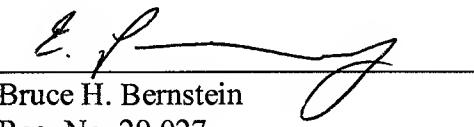
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents (10) – (12), including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of these documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. Additionally, U.S. Patent No. 5879833, which is a patent family member of previously cited JP 10-021891, is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, including an English language translation thereof, is also attached

hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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